



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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Chief Administrative Officer  
County Counsel  
Director of Health Services  
Director of Mental Health

At its meeting held January 13, 2004, the Board took the following action:

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The following statement was entered into the record for Supervisor Yaroslavsky:

“On January 6, 2004, Tenet Corporation notified the Director of Health Services of its intent to terminate its lease and close Century City Hospital, located at 2070 Century Park East in Century City, in 120 days. The emergency room will be closed in ninety days. This is a 178-bed hospital, including 43 psychiatric beds.

“The closure of a hospital can be traumatic to its patients and the affected communities. For this reason, it is important to know the impact of the closure of Century City Hospital on the community. What are the implications of this reduction on the overall health system, and what options are in place for the continuity of care of affected patients and the future use of the facility? The Directors of Health Services and Mental Health should perform an impact analysis of the hospital closure and provide the Board with the answers to these questions.”

Merritt Holloway addressed the Board.

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After discussion, at the suggestion of Supervisor Yaroslavsky and on motion of Supervisor Molina, seconded by Supervisor Burke, unanimously carried, the Board took the following actions:

1. Instructed the Director of Health Services and County Counsel to:
  - a. Ensure that Tenet Corporation and Century City Hospital comply with all required steps regarding the closure of Century City Hospital, including notifications to patients, the community, health plans and health plan enrollees; and
  - b. Ensure that the Emergency Medical Services Commission moves swiftly to conduct the required public hearing and that the hearing be held in Century City to ensure the widest possible participation by residents and health care providers in Century City and its surrounding area; and
2. Instructed the Director of Health Services, in conjunction with the Director of Mental Health, the Emergency Medical Services Commission, the Chief Administrative Officer and County Counsel, to conduct an evaluation of the closure of the Century City Hospital and report back to the Board within 60 days with findings and recommendations including the following issues:
  - Description of services and service levels historically provided by the hospital
  - Ownership and lease arrangement of the hospital
  - Circumstances of the decision by Tenet to close the facility
  - Timetable for closure
  - Public notification and input process
  - Workforce implications on medical/nursing, ancillary and support staff
  - Legal requirements, including notifications, role of the State, and licensing
  - Contingency plans for continuity of care for the community and patients
  - Impact evaluation study by the Emergency Medical Services Agency

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- Contingency plans related to the loss of psychiatric beds
- Condition (including seismic) of the facility for future use
- Opportunities for maintenance of hospital services at the current facility
- Potential options for the future use of the facility.

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